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Harry Wilhelm of the Bureau of the Budget called in reference to our letter of 25 September 1957 concerning proposed NSA legislation. He stated that although the Bureau of the Budget did not wish to approve the proposed legislation and, in fact, hoped to kill it, he would like from this Agency some proposed language with regard to the disposal of records. In our letter we had raised objection to the specific wording. In addition, he suggested it would be helpful if we could explain the authorities utilized by this Agency for disposal of records. Mr. Wilhelm suggested that this be done on a purely informal basis so he could forward it to the Bureau of the Budget people in the Military Division who were considering NSA legislation.

[redacted] called to alert me to the possibility of a request from the Permanent Investigation Subcommittee of the Senate Government Operations Committee for a report of a study on flying saucers of January 1953. Mr. Donald F. O'Donnell, Assistant Counsel of the Subcommittee, had asked Air Force for this report and, in turn, Air Force had asked [redacted] about the possibility of declassifying which is being studied.

Mr. Stanley Smigel, State Liaison with CIA, called stating that Senator Butler's office (Miss Ann Kiete) had asked them for a CIA report on the Russian satellites mentioned in the Baltimore Sun article on 2 November 1957. Dr. Scoville is making a copy of the report available to this office for forwarding to Senator Butler. Miss Teresa Dombrosky of the Office of Congressional Relations in State, has been advised and we will forward it directly to Senator Butler.

Delivered to Representative Carl T. Durham's office additional information we agreed to supply as a result of the discussion with Durham and the DCI on 7 November 1957. (See Legislative Counsel letter of 14 November 1957.) Since Mr. Durham is not in town his secretary agreed to forward Legislative Counsel a letter with the notation that the enclosures which were classified would be held in his safe.

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Boyd Crawford called and in view of the absence of many members of the Committee, the hearing scheduled for 4 December is being postponed until after the first of the year. (See memo to DCI dated 15 November 1957.)

Mr. Daniel F. McGillicuddy, Jr., Acting Chief Counsel, Preparedness Investigation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, called with reference to the possible problem of clearances for CIA information in connection with the forthcoming hearings scheduled to start on 25 November 1957. Mr. McGillicuddy stated that at the present time he knew of no plans to request the Agency to appear before the Subcommittee but as a precautionary measure he wished to furnish us with the names of the members of the staff so that we could check the status of their clearances. He furnished the following names as having TOP SECRET clearances from the Department of Defense or in process for such clearances:

[redacted]

(* - in process)

Mr. McGillicuddy requested that we advise him on this subject within a few days.

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(Excerpt - McGillicuddy to DCI, DD/I, Security)

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